

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th October 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Georgina Tibbets,
Cllr David Price (from 8pm)
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: Benn Hitchen (Chair of the Gratton Trust).
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

2305	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Andrew Porteous, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2306	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. None noted.	Closed	
2307	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 11 th September 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2308	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (appendix 1) which noted £17.5 million of budget cuts to be made by HCC. The cuts are to be approved at the cabinet meeting on 14 th October. HCCllr Porter advised that pipe clearance work has been booked for Sutton Scotney and that she is continuing to chase for clearance of the overgrowth at the Bogmoor Sump.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation ends at midnight on 13 th October. A consultation on the City Council Clean Air Strategy has begun and is open until 27 th October. The City Council are to adopt a new Code of Conduct at the full council meeting in November. It is hoped that parish councils will adopt the same version of the Code of Conduct. Gareth John is the new Legal Director at WCC and will be taken on a tour of the ward by the three City Councillors who will draw his attention to the licensing and planning challenges in the ward. The WCC Small Grant Fund is open for grants up to £1000.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2309	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2309.1	3.1	HALC Annual Conference, Saturday 19th October 2024 Details noted.	Closed	
2309.2	3.2	WCC Wellbeing & Community Resilience Strategy – Volunteers are being sought for a consultation panel. Details to be forwarded to Cllr Pauline Maunder.	Closed	
2309.3	3.3	HCC Arboriculture Team Consultancy services are now available to parish councils. Noted.	Closed	
2309.4	3.4	Commemorative plaque request (Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Conyers Leach) The resident making the plaque request is to be asked to obtain a quote for the suggested plaque, confirm that a location has been determined and that other fundraising will take place. The Parish Council will then consider making a grant towards the cost of the plaque.		
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 11th September 2024.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2310	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2310.1	2299.1	Gratton Trust – The wood and tree cuttings left following the departure of the travellers was discussed. The quote to have this chipped was considered to be too high and Cllr Polak advised that the insurance policy of the Trust does not allow for a bonfire near the pavilion but that it may cover the cost of removing the wood. Benn Hitchen, Chair of the Gratton Trust, agreed to first contact the insurers to see if this was covered and what the excess would be. Other options were to ask if South Wonston wanted any of the wood for their bonfire or to hire a chipper to be operated by trustees and other volunteers. <u>Lease/sub-lease</u> The current permitted use in the lease (between the Parish Council and the Gratton Trust) only includes a nursery, football or private parties. The Clerk will explore the possibility of amending the lease and any associated costs. The proposed sub-lease (between the Gratton Trust and the prospective tenant) was discussed and Benn was asked to provide more accurate utility cost figures for the November meeting.		

2310.2	2299.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Benn Hitchen has kindly offered to act as the Gratton pavilion emergency keyholder on the plan and this can now be completed and circulated.			KM/ Clerk																												
2310.3	2299.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – No new matters were identified for consideration this month.																															
2311	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																															
2311.1	2300.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection The new basket swing has been installed but no invoice yet received. Quotes for a metal or recycled plastic gate are being sought. It was noted that a couple of screws have been loosened/removed from the rota-bouncer. The Clerk will contact AVA to request that a prompt repair is undertaken.			Clerk																												
2311.2	2300.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues have been identified. Soakaway – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk																												
2312	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																															
2312.1	2301.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate. A resident has supplied images of the previous gate and stile.																															
2312.2	2301.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – Cllr Polak is attending a meeting with HCC Countryside officers on 4 th November to discuss setting up a ROW volunteer group in Wonston parish.																															
2312.3	2301.3	Noticeboards – Dryer weather will be needed in order to undertake repairs on the noticeboards.																															
2312.4	2301.4	SID – The second device has arrived and will be operational this month.																															
2312.5	2301.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The HCC Safer Roads officer has been advised that the project may be subject to delay pending the outcome of the Local Plan,																															
2313	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																															
2313.1	728	Oxford House, Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney.	Installation of an air source heat pump.	24/02190/HOU No comment																													
2313.2	2302.4	Winchester Local Plan – The draft response to the Regulation 19 consultation was considered and it was agreed that this should be submitted once the updated survey results were available to send as an appendix to the response.																															
2313.3	2302.5	Village Design Statement – The draft VDS is currently being written up.																															
2314	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																															
2314.1	2303.1	Balances: As at 30/09/24 General Reserves are £73,509.21 but after Earmarked Reserves of £64,440.25 are £9,068.96. Payments for October (detailed below) totalling £7,222.42 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																												
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2314.2	2303.3	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Carried forward to the November meeting.																															
2315	9	Other Council Matters																															
2315.1	2304.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – Regulation 19 response and second SID for November. SID figures and ROW meeting for December. Website Hugo Fox can now provide the .gov.uk domain name. A package of ten emails attached to the domain will cost £17.49/month and it was agreed that it was necessary to purchase this.																															
2315.2	2304.2	Risk Management – The recent traveller incursion on the Gratton was discussed. A security box around the padlock on the barrier (to prevent it being cut) is to be fitted. Other measures to improve security are still to be considered by the Gratton trustees.																															
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 13 th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																															
Signed: Chairman dated.....																																	